

In New Testament Scripture we can observe our Lord being mentioned, addressed or references made regarding Him in four ways; by Title and Name - "*Christ Jesus*" - by Name and then Title - "*Jesus Christ*" - by title only - "*Christ*" or by Name only - "*Jesus*". These variations are not random; the author's varied references were intentional. Let's differentiate between titles and names. Titles like lieutenant, captain, admiral and major, agent, etc. define positions, assignments, authority or duties. Names provide personal identifications.

"Christ" = The Title given to God's "*Creative Agent's Spirit*" from the beginning.

"Jesus" = The Name given the 33 year "*Incarnation*" of that "*Same Spirit*."

"Our Authority" = Awarded when we, by grace, accept and possess that "*Spirit*."

Matthew 26:63 illustrates typical applications: First with the Name, describing personified actions or behavior and then the Title, identifying Position and Authority. "*But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."*"

In John 14:6 Jesus says "*No one comes to the Father except through Me*". This implies that anyone who has not accepted (elected to possess) the innocence, the selfless purity and the "Spiritual Authority" of the Christ will enter the Gates of heaven. There is no selfish "fear" driven emotion in Heaven!!! Without "fear" there would be no "sin" because perfect "love" (a verb - not an emotion) would prevail. (1 John 4:18)

Many claim to be Christians and actually believe they are, but haven't yet experienced hosting (possessing) the Spirit of their Creator. True "Christ followers" experience a personal relationship with their Creator. They know their new position is not a religion. All religions are based on humanity seeking a belief driven by works or fear or a combination of both to achieve a performance score. Christianity is 'grace' provided as God seeks humanity with two important attributes, a Position of unearned, selfless worthiness and the Authority of the newly awarded Christ Spirit within them to follow a wisdom and counsel that will move them beyond their intellect and resources.. These can not be earned; they must be accepted through repentance and humility. Real "humility" is not a self deprecating manifestation from self-worth challenges. Genuine humility simply knows the source and authority of divine providence.

Metaphorically speaking, the most powerful tool in a Christian's Spiritual tool box is speaking the Name, Jesus!!! It is like fingernails screeching on a chalk board to Satan's spiritual ears.

So, what is Satan's favorite tool in his tool box? It is provoking emotional fear into our lives. If you happen to be subliminally motivated by too much selfish pride to humble yourself and boldly speak the Name of Jesus to suppress a temptation (1 Cor. 10:13), be reminded that pride is simply a manifestation of our fear nature, just like greed. All sinful behavior has its roots in some form of fear. The first sin mentioned in Scripture was Adam running to hide from God; raw fear appearing as prideful behavior.

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